

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction of the above-identified application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-3, 6-10 and 14, drawn to a molding composition;

Group II: Claim 11, drawn to a process of preparing molding compositions; and

Group III: Claim 13, drawn to a process of bonding two moldings.

Applicants have elected, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-3, 6-10 and 14, for further prosecution.

Applicants respectfully traverse on the grounds that the Office has not shown that a burden exists in searching the entire application.

MPEP §803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without a serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

Applicants respectfully submit that a search of all the claims would not impose a serious burden on the Office.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

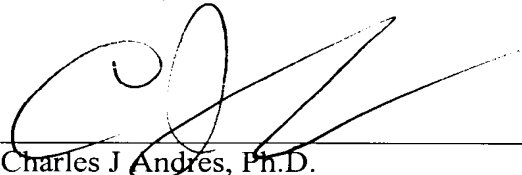
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